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R. L. Pugh, 33°

"The Constitution Reunion" was a tremendous success. While we would like to have had a larger class, yet we feel well pleased with the results of the efforts of our Brethren.

The degree work was superb. It would seem that the members of the degree team sought to exceed themselves in the manner in which they dramatized the different degrees. In fact, it would be difficult for one to select any one degree in preference to another, when thinking in terms of the quality of the acting.

The enthusiastic members of the class of candidates have now returned to their homes, and no doubt, have settled back into their usual routine. We have only one request to make of them and that is that they remember the high moral and spiritual peak that was reached during the three days of the Reunion. If they will only continue in the thrill and enjoyment and inspiration that was experienced during the Reunion we assuredly will not have to worry about candidates for the class next Fall when we once again assemble for another Reunion.

Each member of the class pledged himself to contact at least one prospective member. We have forwarded petitions to each member along with his dues card for the year, and it is our hope that they will proceed immediately to make those contacts.

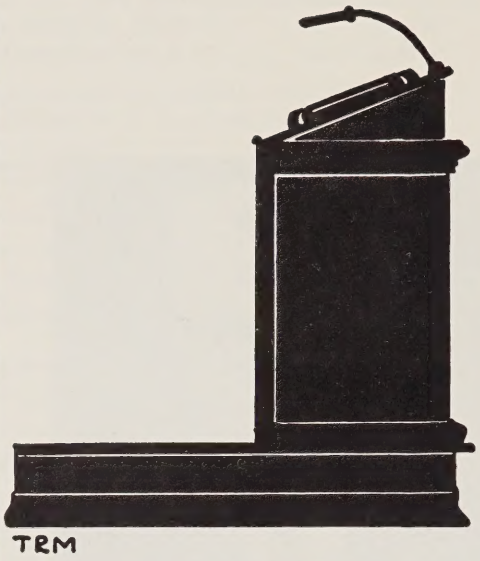
The November Reunion - and please keep these dates foremost in your mind - will be held November 13, 14 and 15.

Thank you once again for all that you did to make the Reunion such a success. Enjoy yourself this Spring and have a wonderful summer, but don't forget to put your plans for our next Reunion in operation.

Sincerely and fraternally,

R. L. Pugh

Secretary
Robert L. Pugh, 33°



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

"Try To Be Worthy of It"

By the time this article goes to the press, another Reunion will have passed. We are a part of one of the greatest movements on earth. Freemasonry is one of the most ancient, most meaningful of all of the Philosophies known to man. It is not a religion. Our movement has never sent a man to Heaven but I am sure it has aided many a man in his quest for a nobler, more glorious existence here on earth. This is the prerequisite of an Eternal Life. For surely, the great Creator would not send a bird on an unerring flight from the north to the south and back again; then place man on this planet longing for immortality and for an eternal existence, only to mislead and to misguide him. Benjamin Franklin, the great Mason that he was, made this observation, "If it is true that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without his knowledge; can it be true that a nation like ours can rise and God know nothing at all about it." Our task should be to get into this great stream of Free-Masonry and its' tributaries and live life at its very best.

In order to get into this stream of Free-Masonry and enjoy its richest blessings, we must be worthy of it. Far too many Masons seem to take the opinion that since I joined the Masonic Movement it is a better Movement - the opposite should prevail - since I joined, I am a better person. Our Movement has existed for hundreds of years, it has been a great leveling influence for thousands of men in all walks of life. Men who said, "*I will be worthy of it*" have lifted themselves and the Movement. Our Supreme task, our great thought should be, "*Try to be worthy of it.*"

Every Masonic Lodge is a Temple of Religion and its teachings are instruction in religion. For here, we get the opportunity to demonstrate toleration, truth, affection, patriotism and a generous sympathy for those who suffer and mourn, pity for the fallen, mercy for the erring, relief for those in want; "Faith, Hope and Charity." Here we meet as brethren to learn, to know and love each other. Here we greet each other gladly, are lenient to each other's faults, regardful of each other's feelings, ready to relieve each other's wants. This is the Philosophy which Masonry has taught for centuries and which it will continue to teach as long as time endures. "If unworthy passions, revengeful feelings, dislike or hatred enter the Lodge, they are intruders and not welcome, strangers uninvited and not guests.

We cannot refuse, it is true, to see the evil that is in life. But all is not evil. We can still see God in the world. There is good amidst the evil. "Everywhere God finds and blesses the kindly office, the pitying thought, and the loving hear." As we look towards another Scottish Rite Reunion in November, let us say to ourselves, "*I will be worthy of it.*"

The Poet who penned these lines expresses it far better than I.

"I may not reach the highest I seek,
my untried strength may fail me.
Or half-way up the mountain peak,
Fierce tempests may assail me.
But though the place I never gain,
Herein lie comfort for my pain.
I will be worthy of it.
I may not triumph in success,
Despite my earnest labor.
I may not grasp results that bless,
The efforts of my neighbor.
But though my goal I never see,
This thought shall always dwell within me.
I will be worthy of it."

There is much to be worthy of in Scottish Masonry.

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Dear Brethren,

Robert Browning once wrote a nice little poem titled "Gladness". In part - it reads:

God's in His Heaven —
All's right with the world.

How we wish that could be true. It sounds so pretty. But, with all that isn't right in the world - there's one thing that does generally come through right: the flowers in springtime. So, here's a tribute to them. Lifted? Yes, from the cover of a box of floral note paper.

"With each generation in each century, ever since life began, flowers have served as expressions of the joys of childhood, the wonders of young love, the sweetest ornament of a bridal ceremony, the cheering gift to the ill, the mark of happy birthdays and treasured anniversaries, and the last tribute of love and respect. A symbol of beauty in all things, the flowers of Nature are a mute expression of love when all other means of communication seem less perfect."

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Used before, but now being used again - because I like it:

GOD'S THOUGHTS

The mountains are God's thoughts piled up. The ocean is God's thoughts spread out. The flowers are God's thoughts in bloom. The dew drops are God's thoughts in pearls.

Sam Jones

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Better little talent and much purpose, than much talent and little purpose.

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We should give as we would receive; cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation.

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Mrs. Perkins: "What'll we contribute to the minister's donation party?"

Mr. Perkins: "Wal, I dunno, Hannar! Taters is way up, pork is way up, fowl is way up - we'll save money by giving him money."

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Magistrate: "You are charged with being drunk. Have you anything to say?"

Culprit: "I've never been drunk in my life, sir, and never intend to get drunk, for it always makes me feel so bad in the morning."

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Muggins: "Yes, I'm living out in the country now. It certainly has its inconveniences."

Buggins: "What do you miss most?"

Muggins: "The last train home at night."

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"Getting this fifty dollars from my husband was just like taking candy from a baby."

"Honest?"

"Yes, he put up a terrific holler."

Two million years from now the scientists can start a row by claiming that the creatures of that period descended from Man.

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A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing.

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Daffy Definitions

Earth: A solid substance, much desired by the seasick.

Experience: The name men give to their mistakes.

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Another, "Used before, but now being used again - because I like it" as a tribute to mothers:

"Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world."

Your piper,
Paul Stevens

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SCOTTISH RITE MASON ACHIEVES RANK OF BRIGADIER GENERAL

The Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of New Bern are always happy to recognize significant achievements of its members. One of the supreme glories of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry lies in the fact that so many of its able sons have risen to high positions of usefulness and service in all areas of our living.

One of our comparatively new members, having been made a 32° Mason in the "Holy St. John's Class", only a few years ago, has recently been elevated to the rank of Brigadier General in the U. S. Marine Corps. He is Brother Nolan J. Beat, who for some time has been stationed at the Marine Base, Camp LeJeune, N. C. Brother Beat is far more than a Mason in name; he is a true Mason in deed as well, because at our last Reunion he was presented with the Service Award Medal because of his activities in extending the Scottish Rite to others, making it possible for them also to share in the beauties and the glories of our degrees.

Brother Beat is shown here in the uniform of a Colonel, but the Eagle insignia has now been replaced by a beautiful Star. He has been notified of his elevation and we rejoice with him in the achievement that he so richly deserves. We feel quite confident you will be interested in a story of a few of the important events in his fascinating career:

Colonel Nolan J. Beat currently is serving as the Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps Service Support Schools and the Commander of the Montford Point Area, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Brigadier General Nolan J. Beat, 32°

Although a native of Texas, he received his education in California, graduating from the University of Southern California in 1942 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in October 1942, and after "boot" training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C., attended Officer Candidates School, Quantico, Va. He was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant in March 1943.

Lieutenant Beat was assigned to Marine Aviation and attended engineering maintenance schools.

In the spring of 1944 he was assigned to the 2d Marine Division as an Air Support Officer with the 2d Joint Assault Signal Company.

In January 1946, Lieutenant Beat returned to the University of Southern California and completed work for his Masters degree in History. During this period, and until March 1951, he also served as Air Support Officer, 11th Marine Corps Reserve District, Los Angeles, Calif. He was promoted to captain in January 1948.

In September 1952, he was a student at the Junior School, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. Upon completion of the course in May 1953, he was assigned as the Operations Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines, 3d Marine Division in Japan. In September 1953, he was named Commanding Officer of Weapons Company, 2d Battalion. Moving to Korea, he served as Commanding Officer, Weapons Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, and later became the S-3 of the battalion.

In June 1960, he was assigned to the Marine Corps Supply Center in Albany, Ga., serving as the Staff Secretary of the Center and Director, Services Division. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in July 1962, and in August 1962 was assigned to Joint Staff Duty with the Defense Supply Agency, Richmond, Va.

Reassigned to the III Marine Amphibious Force in the Republic of Vietnam in 1967, Colonel Beat served as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Force Logistic Command. During that assignment, in July 1967, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel.

Following his return to the states in May 1968, Colonel Beat served a two-year tour as the Assistant Chief of Staff, Supply/Base Supply Officer at the Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Virginia.

He was reassigned to Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N. C., during the summer of 1970 and has since been serving in his present assignment.

Colonel Beat's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with Combat "V", the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", and the Vietnamese Cross of Galantry with Silver Star.

Colonel Beat and his wife, the former Lenora D'Ri Whittemore of Anaheim, California, have two married daughters: Carole Beat Geiger and Janet Beat Burkley. Both are married to Marine aviators.

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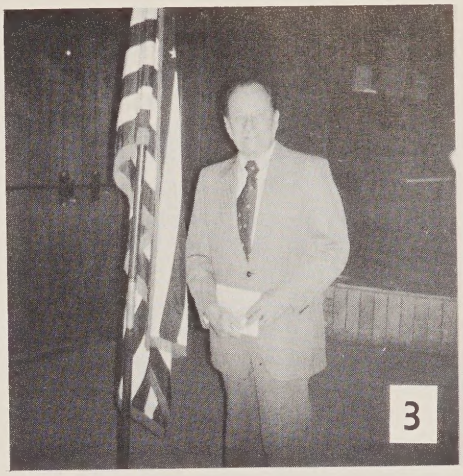
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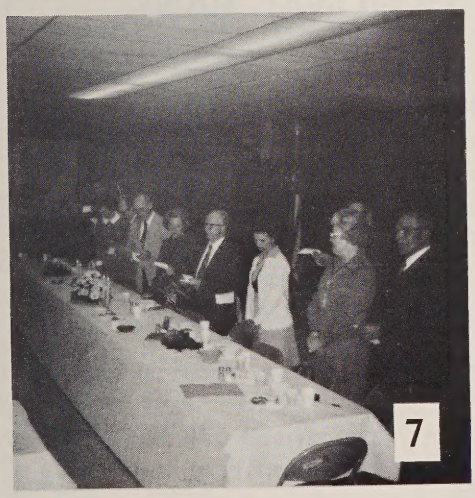
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The Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Masons have done so well in obtaining candidates for the Reunion we just concluded that we want to recognize their achievement with the series of pictures that are shown on this page. This hard work resulted in their turning in more candidates at this time than for any other single Reunion in their history. We congratulate them and rejoice with them in this achievement.

1. **A portion of the head table—Col. R. H. Rainforth, Toastmaster, with his wife and Jimmy Brewer and Neil Vester.**
2. **James W. Brewer, P.G.M., 33°, the principal speaker.**
3. **Neil Vester, 32°, K.C.C.H., talking about the forthcoming Reunion.**
4. **Norwood R. Sanders, 32°, shown with his wife on his right and Mildred Denham on his left.**
5. **Chas. T. Denham, 32°, who introduced the speaker.**
6. **Vicki Muse, daughter of Jas. A. Muse, 32°, pianist for the evening.**
7. **The head table filled with distinguished guests.**
8. **The chow line was a busy place.**
9. **Eastern Star sisters, without whom the party could not have been a success.**

Meet Our New Grand Master

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern are proud to present to members the new Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother Nathaniel Cook Dean, 32°, K.C.-C.H., of Norwood, N. C. Most Worshipful Brother Dean was installed as Grand Master on Wednesday, April 18th.

Masons in North Carolina can well look forward to the new Masonic year under the direction of a man who is eminently qualified to provide the type of leadership that is so necessary as Masonry in North Carolina prepares to enlarge upon the program of Masonic education that was so well begun during the preceding year.

Nathaniel Cook Dean, the 120th man to serve as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, has advanced to this highest office in Masonry following his appointment in April, 1965, by the then Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Sam A. Hennis, Jr.

Brother Dean was born in Roxboro, North Carolina on September 20, 1910, the son of James E. Dean and Mary Currin Dean. He was educated in the Roxboro City Schools and is a graduate of Roxboro High School. He also attended the Philadelphia Textile School of Design, and upon leaving school he accepted a job with the Collins & Aikman Corporation, a textile firm with which he has been associated throughout his entire business career.

Nat is married to the former Ann Louise Pulliam, who is also a native of Roxboro, and they have one daughter, Nancy Carole Dean, who is employed in an executive capacity by a large and well known commercial airline. She resides in Chicago, Illinois. (Incidentally, the writer of this sketch was well acquainted with the parents of both Nat and Louise, and held all them in the highest esteem.)

Brother Dean began his business career with the Collin & Aikman Corporation in 1930, and he has held responsible positions with this company in Roxboro, in Bristol, Rhode Island, and in Norwood and Charlotte, North Carolina. For many years he has been the Purchasing Agent for this huge corporation.

He is a member of the Memorial Baptist Church in Norwood, and has served for many years as a member of the Board of Deacons of this church. He has also served on the Executive Committee of the Norwood Schools, and as Treasurer of the P.T.A. of those schools. He is also a charter member of the Piney Point Country Club.

Nat's Masonic career began when he petitioned St. Alban's Lodge No. 6, of Bristol, Rhode Island, in 1944, and his record of service to Masonry is a long and brilliant one:

He was initiated, passed and raised in St. Alban's Lodge No. 6, and he has been a Master Mason since November 8, 1944. He was transferred by his company to Norwood, North Carolina and on October 2, 1947 he transferred his membership to Pee Dee Lodge No. 150 in Norwood. He served as Master of his lodge in 1953. He is an Honorary Member of several North Carolina lodges.

Brother Dean became a Certified Lecturer on April 19, 1954, and one year later

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he was appointed District Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 35th Masonic District, which office he held for the years 1955, 1956, 1957. He was the recipient of the honorary title of Past District Deputy Grand Lecturer upon the completion of his three years as District Deputy Grand Lecturer.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the newly created 28th Masonic District by Grand Master James G. Johnston in 1958 and he served in this capacity for the years 1958, 1959 and 1960, and upon completion of his three years service as District Deputy Grand Master he was given the honorary title of Past District Deputy Grand Master. He was appointed Grand Lecturer by Most Worshipful Brother James W. Brewer in 1961 and served in that most important office for the years 1961, 1962, 1963.

Brother Dean is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason, with membership in the Carolina Consistory in Charlotte. He has received the rank and title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour from the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

He is also a member of the York Rite Bodies of Charlotte, including the Charlotte Commandery of Knights Templar, and also a member of the North Carolina College, Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis. He is a Past Worthy Patron of Norwood Chapter No. 164, Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of Oasis Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

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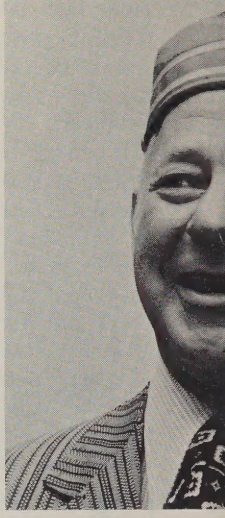

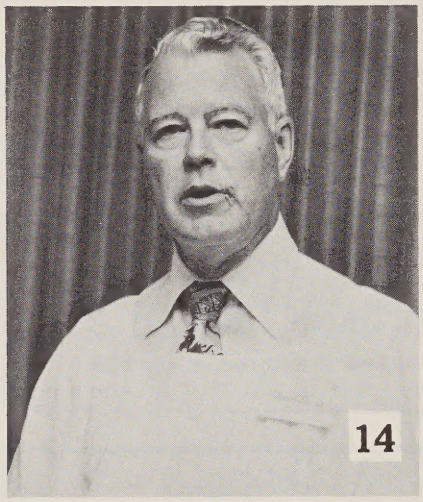

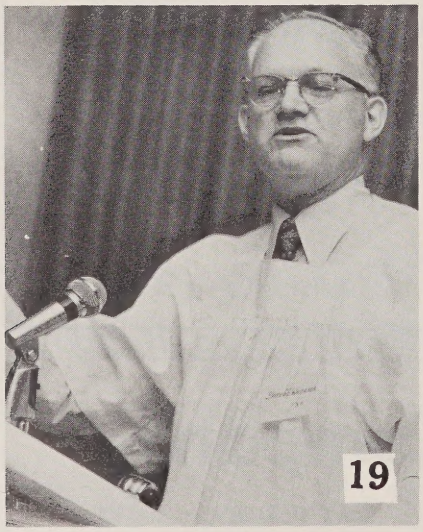

1. Our Inspector General, James G. Johnston, 33°, addressing the group at the Wednesday evening banquet hour.
2. An interesting close-up of our genial Editor of the N. C. Mason, Reynold S. Davenport, 33°.
3. Jimmy W. Brewer, 33°, enlivening the group with his interesting introductions.
4. S. Frank Noble, Sr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of N. C., being presented to the group.
5. Sarah Johnston presents a beautiful needlepoint double-headed eagle symbol of the Scottish Rite, which she made as a gift to the New Bern Bodies.
6. Presenting the Service Award Medal now involves a much more interesting ceremony, indicated here as Lottie Pugh invests this Brother with his medal.
7. Secretary Bob Pugh sporting his new Easter Jacket!
8. Our Illustrious C. Wallace Jackson, 33°, of Fayetteville, assumes a striking pose, almost judicial.
9. Part of the corps of Eastern Star members who prepared and served our meals.
10. The other group of Eastern Star members.
11. Ass't. Director of the Work, Nelson B. Banks, 33°, in a reflective or meditative pose—or something to that effect!

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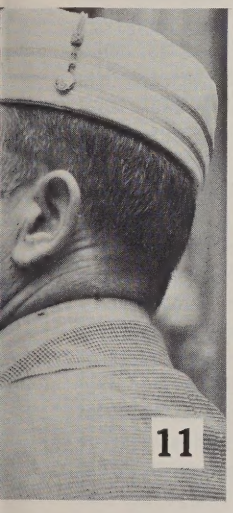
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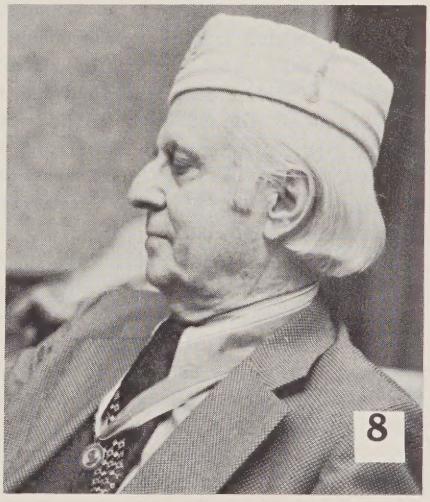
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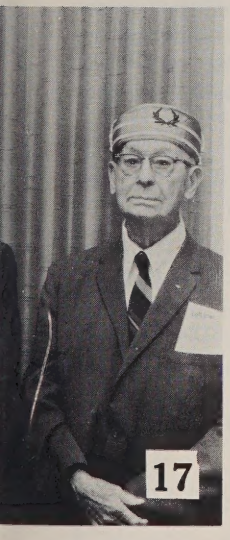
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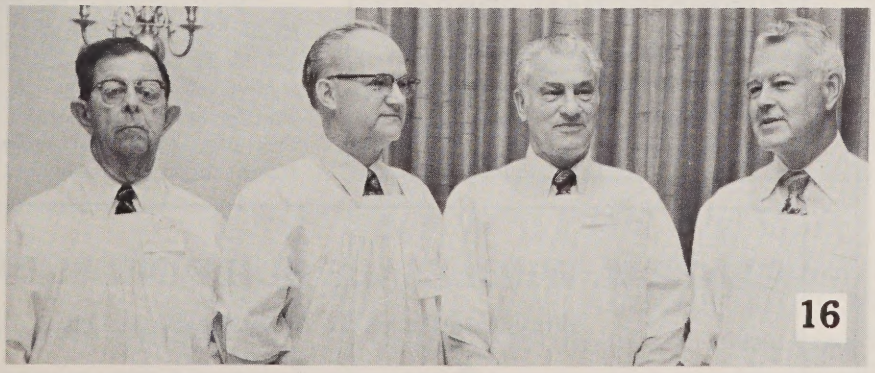
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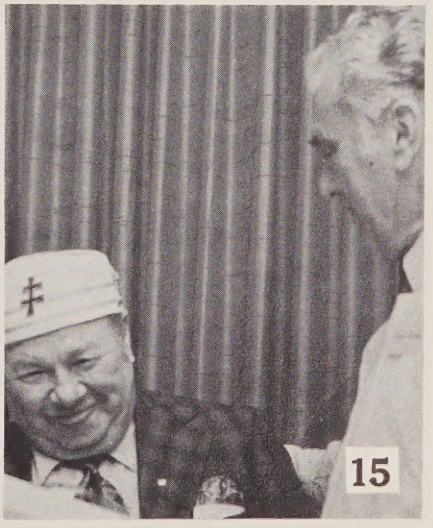
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12. Chief Greeter, John Worsham, leading the parade in the dining room.
13. Our genial Harvey Ward Smith, 33°, Imperial Guide, extending a hearty greeting to the crowd.
14. President of the class, Robert A. Breitweiser, Lt. General, U.S.M.C., (Ret.) introducing the class program at the Thursday evening banquet hour.
15. The beloved Class Lecturer, Ed Blair, 33°, being presented a gift from the class.
16. The Class officers: right to left—President Robert A. Breitweiser; Vice-President—Eugene J. deGennaro; Secretary-Treasurer—Ralph C. Hill; Orator—Dr. Bruce Whitaker.
17. Three of our newest 50 year veterans receiving their Fifty Year caps at the Tuesday evening Awards Night—left to right—Marion W. Maxwell, W. H. Purser and George C. Buck.
18. Sarah Johnston and Neil Vester in a thoughtful conversation, as the Inspector General speaks to someone—and as Francis Clark observes.
19. The Class Orator, Dr. Bruce Whitaker, President of Chowan College, making a three-pronged point in a thrilling oration at the concluding banquet hour.

SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

During a Masonic gathering a few weeks back I ran into an old friend I had not seen since we were soldiers in Italy, almost thirty years ago. Our after-the-meeting discusion covered a wide range of reminisces, including what we agreed was about the most rousing practical joke either of us has ever witnessed.

In our outfit was a demolitions man named Wagoner who had developed a well-grounded and amply justified aversion to this other fellow who, out of compassion, we shall dub Smith.

Smith was one of these abrasive sort of people who has a real talent for raising the hackles on even the most mild-mannered individuals with whom he came into contact. He was particularly obnoxious with his bragging of his prowess and bravery as a soldier, neither of which trait had ever been exhibited to any who knew him. Over a period of time he had managed to irritate Wagoner almost beyond the limits of that worthy's endurance and it was Wagoner's solemn vow that we would someday show Smith up for the coward he suspected him to be.

We had some rather recalcitrant German prisoners of war in our charge and customary discipline for them involved mostly close order drill. GIs who had recently been guilty of goofoffs were usually assigned as drillmasters and, the terrain and other conditions in the drill area always being the worst that could be found, it was a rare GI who placed himself in jeopardy of receiving a second such assignment.

So the scene opens on a particularly dank day with Smith marching a group of six or eight Germans back and forth on a rocky ridge just above an old stor-

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

age shed. The area was sort of secluded and Smith figured he could probably get away with a bit of goldbricking. He found an old ammunition box which he set up on a rocky outcrop and sat himself down thereupon, rifle across his knees, taking his ease as the POWs marched back and forth.

Wagoner spent most of that morning going to and from the shed with various boxes and such and, this being quite in line with his accustomed activity, he did not attract a great deal of attention with his comings and goings. But when noon arrived and Smith marched the Germans off to chow Wagoner went feverishly to work along the hillside extending between the shed and the drill area, finishing just before Smith and the POWs returned.

The Germans resumed their marching and Smith retired to his ammo box, laid the rifle across his knees, lit a cigaret and prepared to make the best of a long, dreary afternoon.

Wagoner, standing just inside the door of the storage shed, lit a fuse which was laid just beneath the surface. Moments later a small explosive, some fifty feet from the shed, went off with a spectacular blaze of fire and an accompanying shower of dirt and rocks.

This got Smith's attention - immediate and undivided. He wheeled around on the box gaped at the freshly created hole and cloud of smoke. He had not long to gape; a second explosion, further from the shed but nearer Smith, erupted with another satisfying array of fire, smoke, dirt and rocks.

The Germans had the presence of mind - on seeing this second explosion - to hit the dirt. They flattened out and stayed there.

Smith didn't have any presence of mind - not any he was putting on display, at least. When that second explosion sounded he made ready to evacuate the area, and a certain urgency was apparent in his preparations. He strove to come erect, but the rifle slipped between his legs, the box overturned, and rocks rolled around under his feet. Just as he appeared to be totally frustrated, WHUMP!! a third explosion, larger than the others and alarmingly - from Smith's point of view - nearer the scene of frustration, shattered what might have been left of any rational plan of action Smith may have possessed. It did, however, activate latent powers within him which empowered him to shed both rifle and box in a headlong flight which promised to take him well into Austria, or Yugoslavia, or someplace, in a matter of moments. Just in time, too, because right where he had been sitting there was a wondrous eruption of powder fuses which sounded for all the world like sporadic rifle fire. Smith didn't even look back, he just kept on digging.

Wagoner, along with the eight or ten of us he had invited to witness the fireworks, howled with delight.

None of us ever had to listen again to Smith's bragging. I can't recall that we ever had any more trouble with that particular group of Germans either.

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"With Mouth To Ear"

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Vantage Points and Vision

The story has been told of how Sir Francis Drake and his men were once lost in the swamps of Panama. Eventually, after hours of wandering and growing alarm, one of them climbed to the top of a tree, and looking out across the swamps and jungle, he saw the waters of the Pacific calling them to launch out into a new and unexplored world.

Isn't that a parable of human life? The vast majority of people can be likened to Drake's men, caught in a jungle swamp. Life to them is a baffling and frightening mystery. They are unhappy, imprisoned, and confused. The real trouble with them is that they have never climbed to a vantage point and looked beyond their immediate burdens and temptations and problems which hem them in, to where glistening waters call them to new and glorious ventures into an unexplored world. Does this sound like a lot of romantic and poetic nonsense? I believe that Masonry can make this a real experience for each of us; that it can give to men a vantage point and a vision, making them conscious of a new world and a new life beyond that which they have known.

In the first place, Masonry has always given men a glimpse beyond this world of time and space. Because a Mason believes in God - a God of love and power - we cannot believe that life ends on death. We see it stretching out beyond the grave, a fuller and more glorious life than we have ever known or dreamed. We cannot believe that the eternal purpose of the Great Architect of the Universe can be defeated. If such things as He reveals to the heart of man can be destroyed, then all the teachings of our Craft is nonsense, it is cruel and a tragic delusion! We believe with Tennyson:

Thou wilt not leave us in the dust,

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Thou madest man, he know not why,
He thinks he was not made to die,
And thou hast made him. Thou art just.

Masons believe that the working tools of our Craft and art shall be placed in our hands again - and we shall use them perfectly. We believe in the immortality of the soul. Those who have not this vision are like Drake's men, living in only half the world that might be theirs.

But that is not all. The fact is that unless a man lives the precepts of Masonry here upon the earth, he deprives himself of half the world that could be his here and now. Masonry is not simply concerned with the "House not made with hands" nor with the fact that we shall take the working tools up again. Life on this earth can be immeasurably richer and fuller than the most of us are aware. The very word "life" has a thrilling sound. It speaks of action, color, reality, joy. Yet for how few people life is like that! How few of us ever really adjust ourselves and come to terms with life. We need a vantage point and a vision so that we may catch a glimpse of life as it can be lived. Masonry gives us that vantage point.

First there is the vantage point of our bowing in reverential awe before Him who reigns supreme over this universe. This takes us beyond ourselves. It makes us aware of another realm of being. It reveals resources that are not of man. It gives us a vision of God. The man who denies himself of that experience dies for lack of vision. The man who denies himself that vision perishes. He denies himself something by which alone his soul can live.

Another vantage point which Masonry gives us is that of service. That too takes us beyond ourselves, and widens our scope of vision. You see, when we do something for someone else - give a word of "good counsel" or encouragement, do some piece of service, we are setting in motion forces which go on and on beyond our planning and imagination. The vantage point of service is obvious, if we but think about it. It lifts us above any sense of futility in our lives, unspectacular though they may be. It reminds us that our love and loyalty and faith may have an influence far beyond our dreaming.

I find in Masonry this sense of being sharers with God in His eternal purposes, which gives life meaning and zest. Masonry teaches us that our life, however humble, our service however inconspicious, is being taken up and woven into the age-long and world-wide purposes of God. We are building for ages yet unborn. We labor, and others will enter into our labors.

This is the sort of vision which makes life worth living, delivering it from futility and hopelessness, sending it forth with zeal and faith to do God's will. May God give us that vision that we perish not. Aren't you glad you're a Mason?

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting Thursday night April 5, 1973 at "Buck Overton's Rivers Edge Restaurant", Jamesville, N. C. where the club enjoyed a good dinner of barbecue and chicken.

Much interest was shown by the brethren present, but the point was made that what really counts is signed petitions, and the next ten days is the last call for the spring reunion.

Prayer is a conscientious and conscious element in the life of Scottish Rite Masonry. Almost every development of the Rite with which I am familiar has been rooted and grounded in prayer.

Did it ever occur to you how many of our needs as persons are double-edged? For example, we have the need both to love and to be loved, to forgive and to be forgiven. In the same way, you and I need to hear and to be heard.

Watch a child sometime and notice how, when his demands for attention go unheeded, he does something so loud or destructive that he can no longer be ignored. All of us are basically children at heart, and therefore when no one listens to us, we either feel crushed as persons or we become so frustrated and angry that we rebel.

There are so many groups around who are crying to be heard, including the youth, who feel they have a message for our day about our values and our methods; the aged with their feelings of being discarded, unwanted, and useless; the poor, who are often handicapped and without motivation, and the minority groups who have often been neglected and unheard.

Consider this thought for a moment. When we hear the voices of people, we shall be more apt to hear the voice of God, for God has always spoken to His people through people, through prophets, priests, and kings; ultimately through a person called Jesus, and then through those who followed Him. In fact, God sometimes speaks through those who appear to be enemies of God.

Yes, each of us has a need to be heard, not only as individuals, but as members of groups as well. Unless we are heard, we will feel that our lives don't matter.

Look now at the other side of the picture, which is our need to hear. The truth is that our need to be heard is often so overwhelming that it shuts out our need to listen. In terms of prayer, for example, we are more prone to say, "Listen, Lord, for Thy servant speaketh," than to pray, "Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth."

The prophet, Amos, discovered that nobody wanted to listen to what he had to say. The people were headed for disaster, but all they wanted to hear were words of reassurance and commendation. It is a reminder to us that it is easier for us to hear words about God's forgiveness and love than His words about our forgiving and loving eath other in justice.

Jesus story about the sower and the soils was His way of reminding His hearers that while the sowing of the seed is important, the condition of the soil (the hearers) is also most important for an abundant harvest. Unless the seed falls on good soil, nothing of value results. So the burden is as much with the hearer of the Word as with the sower.

The Scriptures declare the truth that God both speaks to us and listens to us. How essential it is that we do likewise to Him and to one another. It is when we emphasize one to the neglect of the other that we do harm to ourselves and to those about us.

It has been said "The Lord's Prayer contains the sum total of religion and morals." I think on closer examination of the 65 words contained in the English translation of this prayer you will agree that is a fair analysis. Look at it. "Our Father, who art in heaven" - here is a child approaching his father. "Hallowed be thy name" - here in humility and in praise is a worshipper addressing his God.

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"Thy kingdom come" - this presents a picture of a citizen addressing his King. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" - here in surrender is a servant speaking to his master. "Give us our daily bread." - here stands a beggar before his benefactor. "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" - this presents a man who understands his sin and asks forgiveness from his Savior. "Lead us not into temptation" - here is a traveller on a journey in uncertain territory pleading with his God. "But deliver us from evil" - this pictures a captive made slave from his own sin addressing his deliverer. Against this background when one asks me the questions, What is God to me? The following stands out - to me He is Father, God, King, Master, Benefactor, Savior, Guide, Deliverer. A twin question comes to the forefront: what am I to God? I am a child, a worshipper, a citizen, a servant, a beggar, a sinner, a traveler, a captive. If I take seriously the model which my Lord has presented to teach me to pray. I must realize that value comes to my life only as I have the courage to view life through the eyes of my Lord and in the context of this prayer.

This quality and kind of prayer has been and must continue to be the vital culture out of which this Fraternity grows and flourishes.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their annual herring fish fry Sunday, April 1st at the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. The herring were taken from Tranters Creek by Willie G. Hodges on whose farm the creek runs through. The exact number of fish was never revealed but it was estimated that about 100 fish were consumed. It being April 1st, some expected maybe a "fool joke", but there was no fooling around on this affair. Willie G. Hodges, Julian Vann and their wives assisted by Edw. R. Edwards were host for the occasion. Despite the rainy weather, there were 42 present.

Dr. Karl Vanhorn presided and Virgil Dowden gave the invocation. Jack Tripp's guest was his sister-in-law Mrs. Edna Tripp and Caleb Bell had as his guests Charlie and Elizabeth Woolard.

At the men's business meeting, President Vanhorn presided and Henry Jones gave the prayer. Minutes and Treasurer's report were approved. Ashley Leggett gave a report on the progress of the 17th degree team. He also urged all members to try to get as many petitions as possible for the upcoming Reunion on April 10, 11, and 12th. Charlie Woolard was welcomed as a prospective candidate.

Ray Alexander and Cyril Merrick will host the next meeting on May 6th, this will be a charcoal steak cook-out with each member to bring his own steak and utensils and his lady.

Ashley G. Leggett

East Carteret Scotish Rite Club Ladies' Night

The East Carteret Scottish Rite Club held its annual spring Ladies' Night dinner on March 24, at the East Carteret High School Cafeteria. The menu for the evening included roast beef and vegetables.

The attendance was very good with approximately 180 brothers and ladies.

The meeting commenced with the invocation given by Brother R. D. Shinkle, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Ceremonies for the entire affair was Brother E. P. Blair, 33°. Brother Jewell A. Smith, 32°, gave the welcoming address. Prior to the main speaker, Brother L. Parker had a few words about the upcoming Spring Reunion.

Brother James H. Coile, Minister from Trenton, N. C. was the speaker for the evening and gave an inspiring speech that was enjoyed by everyone.

After a wonderful evening of food and mind enrichment the Ladies' Night adjourned.

Fraternally yours,
J. D. Lewis, Secretary

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

A short business meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was held at Franklin Lodge No. 109, April 2, 1973, with 20 members present. The only business was urging everyone to attend the reunion and to carry any other candidates we might have at the last minute. After a few remarks by some of the brethren the meeting was adjourned.

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Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club met on this date at the Lenoir County Shrine Club. The invocation was given by Bro. Joseph C. Parker. A delicious country style steak supper was enjoyed by all present. We had 24 members and two guests, who will be taking the degrees in April, Bros. George Hill and Vernon Gordon.

A short talk on Scottish Free Masonry was given by Bro. Bill Leggett which was most appropriate for the forthcoming reunion and was inspiring to all present. A treasurer's report was read.

Bro. Joe Parker gave a short talk on the things he had experienced pertaining to the ministry and Scottish Rite Masonry, which was truly enjoyed by all. We are most fortunate to have Bro. Joe in our Club.

There being no further business to come before the Club, the meeting was closed and the benediction was given by Bro. Lee Dorsey.

Marvin Kornegay, Secretary

Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

The Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club met on March 29 at the Jacksonville Moose Lodge. As everyone knows this was ladies night and the big night before spring reunion. We had a tremendous turn out with many distinguished visitors including our Valley Secretary Robert Pugh, General Wilkerson and General Beat. We would like to thank them for attending and specially General Wilkerson who gave a most inspiring speech on Scottish Rite Masonry. Also we would like to thank our brother Odell Gladson for that wonderful dinner of chicken and bar-b-cue.

It was really a grand night for all. Congratulations to our new brothers, Marion R. Baggs, Daniel H. Foster, Jack H. Gehring, Van W. Hall, Bob W. Holland, Lewis M. Muldrow, Ronald L. Sanders, Leslie L. Varnadore, and William Winthrop Wander.

As you can see we didn't have as many candidates as expected.

Now that the Spring Reunion is history, let us not sit down to rest but start setting our recruiting goal now for the fall.

If each of us start now planning for our next reunion we should more than double our previous class, so come on brothers and let's get cracking.

Jim M. Roberts
Secretary-Treasurer

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Whenever bills are sent to the members for dues payable there is always included an envelope marked "Almoner's Fund" together with a letter explaining the use of the Almoner's Fund and asking for more liberal contributions. This method has helped in increasing the amount of funds available. These monies are to be used of course to aid distressed Scottish Rite Masons and they are available to our members throughout the jurisdiction.

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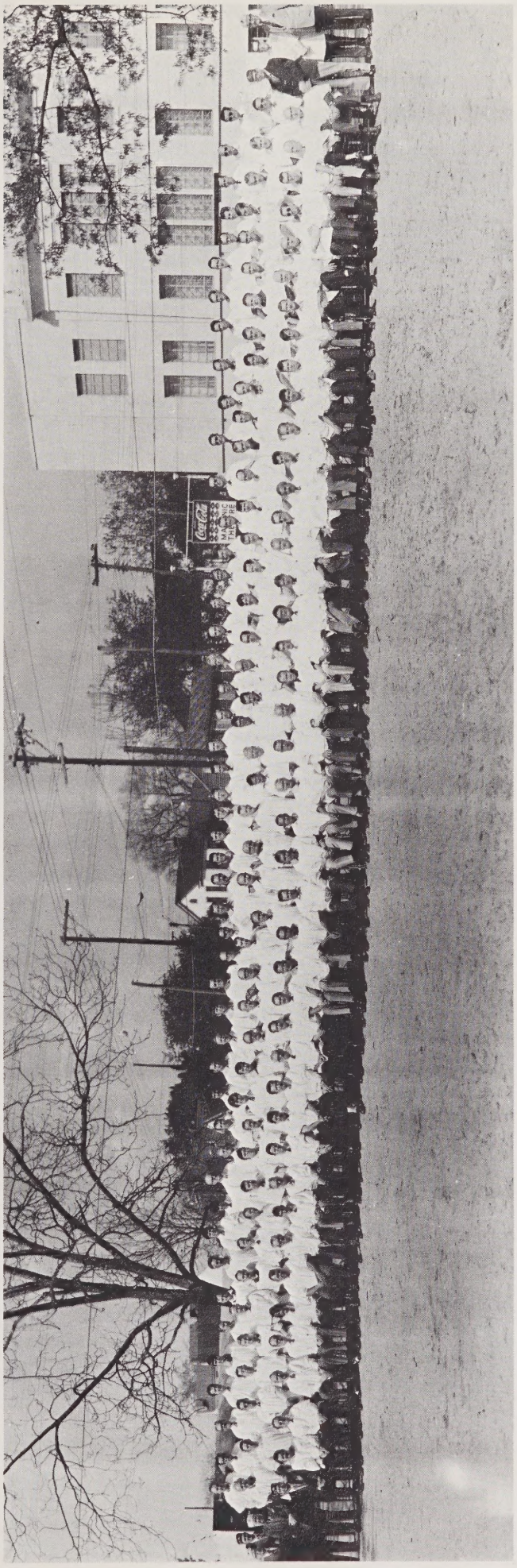

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